THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) There are five Public Undertakings under the Administrative control of the Ministry of Railways, namely (i) Rail India Technical & Economic Services Ltd. (RITES), (ii) Indian Railway Construction Company Ltd. (IRCON), (iii) Indian Railway Finance Corporation Ltd. (IRFC), (iv) Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR) and (v) Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd.

(b) The recruitment to these organisations except Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. is made:

(i) through deputation/permanent absorption basis by drafting personnel from Railways, other Govt. Departments and Public Sector Undertakings;

(ii) from open market by issuing advertisement in leading Newspapers; and

(iii) through local Employment Exchange(s) in case of casual staff on purely daily wages/contract basis to cater short-term requirements.

Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. has been registered recently on 19.7.90 with the certificate of commencement of business issued on 28.08.90. No rules have been framed.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The number of retired officials who joined in the last eight months is 68 in RITES, which includes 66 engaged as consultants 28 in IRCON, 4 in IRFC and 5 in CONCOR.

Lift Operators

2685. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of lift operators on the pay roll of Government as on 30th June, 1990;

(b) whether lift operators are detailed for whole day duty on the lifts; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether Government propose to do away with the post of lift operators?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha. However, there is no proposal under consideration of Government to do away with the post of Lift Operators.

Fire in Ansal Bhawan

2686. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Director of Estates under Letter No. Estt./8/2/AB/76-77/1064-74 dated 27th August, 1976 took possession of a flat No. 1102 in Ansal Bhawan, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi, without the consent of the owner of the flat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether after fire in Ansal Bhawan all the tenants paid charges for fire prevention installations, etc. but Estate Office failed to do so resulting in premises lying vacant for the last three years;

(d) if so, the deails thereof;

(e) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the grievance of flat owners as published in Statesman of 26th June, 1990; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Flat No. 1102 had been taken on lease by the AGCW & M. for and on behalf of the President of India, in July, 1973, initially for a period of 3 years. Due to

departmentalisation of accounts, the AGCW & M had transferred this flat to the Directorate of Estates by virtue of Clause 5 of the lease agreement vide letttr No. Estt./8/2/AB/76-77/ 1064-74 dt. 27th August, 1976 for allotment to other Central Government Agencies. Clause 5 of the lease agreement executed by the owner with AGCW & M envisaged assigning of the flat to another Department of the Government of India.

(c) and (d) After fire in Ansal Bhawan the question of provision of necessary fire fighting arrangements was considered and legal opinion was that in terms of Clause 12 of the lease agreement it was the responsibility of owners to provide such facility Flat owners were accordingly requested to get the needful done. Two flat owners paid the fire fighting arrangement charges to the Ansal Bhawan Maintenance Society and these two flats were made fit for reuse. Other owners of Ansal Bhawan including owner of flat No. 1102, did not deposit the amount with the Society. Now the Government of India, after considering financial & legal aspects, released Rs. 1,13,900/- as demanded by the Society for the cost of fire fighting arrangement in respect of the remaining 5 flats, including flat No. 1102, in advance, subject to the condition that the amounts so paid to the Society could be deducted from the future rent payable to the owners after the flats are made fit for reuse and certified by the society as fit for reuse

(e) and (f) Government is aware of the item published in the Statesman and decision regarding revision of rent in respect of flat No. 1102 with effect from 18-3-85 has been taken.

Setting up of oil mills in Orissa

2687. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of oil mills set up in Orissa during the last three years;

(b) whether the proposal to set up some oil mills in Orissa are pending for clearance of Government;

(c) if so, the number of applications received by the Government from both private and public sector; and

(d) the steps taken to clear those proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) During the last three years no oil mill under Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951 has been set up in Orissa.

(b) No proposal to set up oil mill in Orissa under Industries (Development and Regulation) Act is pending.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Implementation of Mandal Commission's Report

2688. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any memorandum regarding the implementation of the Mandal Commission Report was received from Nair Service Society, Kerala;

(b) if so, what is the view of Government towards the demands in this memorandum; and

(c) whether Government would implement this report all over this country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In order to avail of the benefit of the long experience of a number of States in preparing list of Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBCs) and in order to